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For: **Weight Bearing Systems and
Methods Relating to Same**

Examiner: **D. Dorsey**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated August 16, 2002. The application is amended herein to the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

29. (Amended) A weight bearing element comprising:

a substantially open and flat web having a plurality of spaced stabilizing members; and

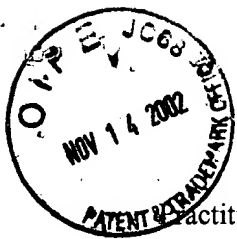
at least one chord defining a perimeter having a polygonal cross-sectional shape with at least 5 mutually non-coplanar sides, at least two of which are substantially parallel to the web, the chord being connected to the web at least one vertex of an angle of the chord.

REMARKS

Claim Objections

During a telephone conversation with the Examiner on August 6, 2002, a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 29-42.

Applicant affirms this election in response to the restriction rejection.



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PATENT

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already claimed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	27	- 28	= 0	x \$ 9.00	= \$		0.00
INDEP.	2	- 3	= 0	x \$ 42.00	= \$		0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 0.00	= \$		0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$		0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

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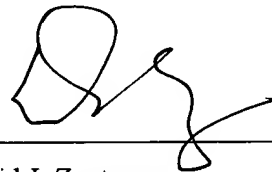
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6. DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED

Courtesy copy of the IDS (cites not included).

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